

25 August 2019

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



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MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon. - Sat. 8:30AM; Sat. 4:00-4:45 PM

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WIND IN THE BIBLE

In the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, we read, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And a mighty wind was hovering over the face of the waters." Even before there was light, there was wind.

When the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles, the Spirit came in the form of a mighty wind: "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting." Before the tongues of flame, the wind came first.

The prophet Elijah was told to "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake." Rather the LORD was found in "a light silent sound," whatever that means. How can it be silent and a sound at the same time? So, it is not always the Lord who in the wind.

When earlier Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts." The wind as bearer of a plague.

By contrast the LORD turned "the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt." The wind delivers the people from a plague.

Later, when the people of Israel were in the desert, "a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground." This time the Lord's wind brought them the food they craved in the wilderness.

In the book of Jonah, we read that "the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up." Jonah should have known better than to try to go in the opposite direction of where the Lord had directed him.

When Jeremiah wanted a metaphor for the power of God, he turned to nature, including the wind: "When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses." I love the notion that God has a big storehouse of wind which he opens up and brings out when he wants to make his point.

St. James, on the other hand, said that the person who "doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." Without strong faith, the disciple is in danger. In one of his parables, Jesus said, "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." Jesus too underscored how we should pray for strong, enduring faith.

Sleeping in a boat but awakened by a big storm, Jesus "rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'" Jesus as the Lord of nature.

At the end of time, on the day of judgment, God "will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." The wind is a fact of life and an expression of God's power. It will be with us to the very end.

Msgr. Mike

Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus this Sunday following the 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM masses for our Parish Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The Knights will be serving their "world famous" home-made buttermilk pancakes (blueberry or chocolate chip pancake options available) along with eggs, sausage and fruit. The suggested donation is \$6 per person and \$20 per family. All proceeds go towards supporting local charities.

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday, September 9th. For more information, contact Russell Stark at 949-527-0172.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SALAD SUPPER—SERVING UP FRIENDSHIP

We honor the friendly culture at St. Anne with this year's salad supper theme! Come, bring a friend and prepare to make a new one on Monday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Salads, toppings, water, punch, decaf coffee and desserts will be provided. (BYOB if you wish.) Sign-ups will be accepted after all masses beginning September 7th.

MEMBERSHIP

For membership information, please pickup a Women's Guild brochure and membership application from the back of the church. For more information, please call Kathy Stoddard at 707-477-0104.

CAREER RENEWAL

Everyone is invited to the Career Renewal ministry season Kick-off meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for information about job search, changing careers, updating resumes, etc. We will also be available to talk about opportunities to be a volunteer in our ministry. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885 or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.



OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith,

LOVE IN ACTION—LAUDATO SI

In anticipation of the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si', the Pope's Encyclical on the Care of Creation, Deacon Peter invites you to participate in a year of celebration starting with a beautiful month long Season of Creation beginning September 1 and ending with the Feast of St. Francis in October.

Below are the scheduled events:

9/6 - Adoration/Holy Hour/Benediction/Mercy to Earth Rosary in the Church. Time to be determined.

9/19 - Mercy to Earth Rosary after Morning Mass in the Church.

9/21 - California Coastal Clean-Up in Seal Beach with Youth Ministry. Meet at the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. for prayers and a light breakfast.

10/3 - Feast of St. Francis, a 90 Minute Program including readings, prayers, activities after Morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

10/4 - St. Francis Feast Day Adoration, prayers and Guided Meditation with Youth Ministry in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Bring a picture of your pet for blessings.

10/5 - Blessing of the Animals in the Church Courtyard. Bring your pets.

For more details about the Season of Creation Events, please look at the Season of Creation Bulletin Board located on the pathway between the parking lot and the church and in the Bulletin .

MATTHEW: BIBLE STUDY

The *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* study program shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. The program includes twenty-four 50-minute video presentations and the "Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Workbook." Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. The session begins Thursday, Sept. 5th and meets weekly (no class 10/31 or 11/28) through Dec. 12th. The cost is \$30 per person. Please turn in your registration form to the Parish Office.

Registration ends soon!

First Day of Confirmation for C1 and C2 is Sunday, Sept. 15th

First Day of Faith Formation for grs. 6-8 is Monday, Sept. 16th

First Day of Faith Formation for grs. 1-5 is Tuesday, Sept. 17th

Around the Diocese

ANNUAL SCRC CONVENTION

The 48th SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend, 8/30-9/1, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. This year's theme is "Jesus, Hope of the World" with over 40 Catholic speakers, 70 presentations, dynamic daily liturgies, and a catholic marketplace. For a brochure or information, contact 818-771-1361.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

You are invited to join Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, the Catholic Coalition and the inter-faith community in the *Build for Unity Celebration*, a special event bringing to together hearts and voices from across Orange County to experience diversity and celebrate unity. The event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8th in Bourne Hall at St. George's Episcopal Church in Laguna Hills. From 4:00-7:00 p.m., enjoy dinner and dynamic performances by Men of Harmony—a Chapman University A Capella group, Korean Traditional Dance performed by the KTD Institute and Israeli dancers from University Synagogue. Tickets are \$25 but as a member of the Catholic community, tickets are only \$15. Register today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/build-for-unity-celebration-tickets-65490266149> and enter coupon code CATHOLIC. Please register by August 30th.

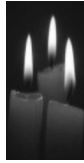
MISSIONARY MASS INTENTIONS

There is another way you can support the missionary efforts of priests in missions who are unable to participate in Mission Co-op. Our diocesan Mission Office will forward your mass intention requests to mission territories worldwide where missionary priests will celebrate these intentions in a timely manner. The missionaries are also able to celebrate Novena and Gregorian masses for those that seek those special offerings. Mass Intention Request Forms with detailed information for payment and fulfillment of your request are included on the form which can be found in the vestibule of the church. Mass stipends are often the only means of additional daily support for these priests and are frequently used to supply bread and wine for Eucharistic celebration at their masses.



9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

8/26 †Connie Conway
 8/27 Frank Cannova Jr.
 8/28 †Ellen Snyder
 8/29 Nicole Scolari
 8/30 †Mary Lou Clark
 8/31 †Anthony DiElsi
 (†Rest in God's love and peace)



PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho,
 Kathy Purcell, Julia Poirier, Jerome Gendron,
 Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely,
 Steven Lang, Marlene Blackford, Linda Bolt,
 Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi,
 Ernie Ramirez, Mike Harvey, John Barnes, Mike Mauro,
 Katherine Irwin, L. Tanguay, Dixie Redfearn, Mary Kunz,
 Eddie Kearns, Dewey Linehan, Jean Ramirez,
 Beverly Maybrier

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the heart of man." — St. John Vianney

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
 — St. Therese of Lisieux

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms are usually celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are held once a month on a Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

PreK-8 Faith Formation: For information and/or enrollment in Faith Formation programs, please email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org or call 562-431-0721 ext. 16.

Confirmation: For more information about Youth Ministry programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 15 or email ym@stannesealbeach.org.

Marriage: An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral: Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.

Pastoral Care: If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the Sick: In case of serious illness, contact the Parish Office.